

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 8 and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A client for receiving multiple description media streams, said client comprising:

a multiple description receiving portion, said multiple description receiving portion adapted to receive a plurality of multiple description bitstreams, wherein said multiple description receiving portion receives a particular multiple description bitstream from a first server that said particular multiple description bitstream is stored on based on a level of service said first server is capable of providing and potentially receives said particular multiple description bitstream at a later time from a second server because said particular multiple bitstream was redistributed to said second server because said second server is capable of providing a higher level of service than said first server;

memory coupled to said multiple description receiving portion, said memory adapted to store said plurality of multiple description bitstreams in respective portions thereof;

a synchronization module coupled to said memory, said synchronization module adapted to blend said plurality of multiple description bitstreams;

a decoder coupled to said synchronization module, said decoder for decoding said plurality of multiple description bitstreams;

a source control module coupled to said synchronization module, said source control module for determining appropriate operation characteristics of said client, wherein said source control module comprises a power strength monitor that monitors power consumption by said client, wherein said client uses

information from said power strength monitor to make a decision about how many of said multiple description bitstreams to receive; and

a user interface device coupled to said decoder, said user interface device adapted to present media previously encoded into said plurality of multiple description bitstreams to a user.

2. (Original) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 1 wherein said client is a mobile client.

3. (Previously Presented) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 2 wherein said source control module further comprises a channel quality monitor, said channel quality monitor for monitoring characteristics of channels on which said plurality of multiple description bitstreams are received.

4. (Previously Presented) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 1 wherein said decoder is adapted to perform decoding operations compatible with standards selected from the group consisting of: MPEG-4 Version 2 (with NEWPRED) and H.263 Version 2 (with RPS).

5. (Original) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 1 wherein said user interface device is comprised of a display device.

6. (Previously Presented) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 1 wherein said user interface device is comprised of an audio output device.

7. (Original) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 1 further comprising:

transmission means coupled to said synchronization module, said transmission means for transmitting information related to said operation characteristics of said client to components of a network to which said client is adapted to be communicatively coupled.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving multiple description media streams at a client, said method comprising:

receiving a first multiple description bitstream at said client, wherein said first multiple description bitstream is initially received from a first server that said first multiple description bitstream is stored on based on a level of service that said first server is capable of providing and potentially receives said first multiple description bitstream at a later time from a second server because said first multiple bitstream was redistributed to said second server because said second server is capable of providing a higher level of service than said first server;

receiving a second multiple description bitstream at said client;

storing said first multiple description bitstream and said second multiple description bitstream at said client;

decoding said first multiple description bitstream and said second multiple description bitstream;

determining appropriate operation characteristics of said client, said determining comprising monitoring power consumption by said client, wherein said client uses information about said power consumption to make a decision about how many multiple description bitstreams to receive; and

presenting media previously encoded into said first multiple description bitstream and said second multiple description bitstream to a user.

9. (Previously Presented) The method for receiving multiple description media streams at a client as recited in Claim 8 further comprising receiving said first multiple description bitstream at a mobile client.

10. (Previously presented) The method for receiving multiple description media streams at a client as recited in Claim 8 further comprising storing said first multiple description bitstream and said second multiple description bitstream at said client in respective memory portions.

11. (Previously Presented) The method for receiving multiple description media streams at a client as recited in Claim 8 further comprising decoding said first multiple description bitstream and said second multiple description bitstream in a manner compatible with standards selected from the group consisting of MPEG-4 Version 2 (with NEWPRED) and H.263 Version 2 (with RPS).

12. (Previously Presented) The method for receiving multiple description media streams at a client as recited in Claim 9 further comprising determining said appropriate operation characteristics of said mobile client by monitoring characteristics of channels on which said first multiple description bitstream and said second multiple description bitstream are received.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) The method for receiving multiple description media streams at a client as recited in Claim 8 further comprising adjusting said operation characteristics of said client to achieve appropriate operating characteristics.

15. (Previously Presented) The method for receiving multiple description media streams at a client as recited in Claim 8 further comprising presenting said media previously encoded into said first multiple description bitstream and said second multiple description bitstream to said user using a display device.

16. (Previously Presented) The method for receiving multiple description media streams at a client as recited in Claim 8 further comprising presenting said media previously encoded into said first multiple description bitstream and said second multiple description bitstream to said user using an audio output device.

17. (Previously Presented) The method for receiving multiple description media streams at a client as recited in Claim 8 further comprising transmitting information related to said appropriate operation characteristics from said client to components of a network to which said client is adapted to be communicatively coupled.

18. (Currently Amended) A client for receiving multiple description media streams, said client comprising:

a multiple description receiving portion, said multiple description receiving portion adapted to receive a plurality of multiple description bitstreams, wherein said multiple description receiving portion receives a particular multiple

description bitstream from a first server that said particular multiple description bitstream is stored on based on a level of service that said first server is capable of providing and potentially receives said particular multiple description bitstream at a later time from a second server because said particular multiple bitstream was redistributed to said second server because said second server is capable of providing a higher level of service than said first server;

memory coupled to said multiple description receiving portion, said memory adapted to store said plurality of multiple description bitstreams in respective portions thereof;

monitoring means for determining the appropriate operation characteristics of said client, wherein said monitoring means comprises a power strength monitor that monitors power consumption by said client, wherein said client uses information from said power strength monitor to make a decision about how many of said multiple description bitstreams to receive;

a decoder coupled to said monitoring means, said decoder for decoding said plurality of multiple description bitstreams;

a user interface device coupled to said decoder, said user interface device adapted to present media previously encoded into said plurality of multiple description bitstreams to a user.

19. (Original) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 18 wherein said client is a mobile client.

20. (Previously Presented) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 19 wherein said monitoring means further comprises a channel quality monitor, said channel quality monitor for monitoring

characteristics of channels on which said plurality of multiple description bitstreams are received.

21. (Previously Presented) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 18 wherein said decoder is adapted to perform decoding operations compatible with standards selected from the group consisting of MPEG-4 Version 2 (with NEWPRED) and H.263 Version 2 (with RPS).

22. (Original) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 18 wherein said user interface device is comprised of a display device.

23. (Previously Presented) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 18 wherein said user interface device is comprised of an audio output.

24. (Original) The client for receiving multiple description media streams of Claim 18 further comprising:

transmission means coupled to said synchronization module, said transmission means for transmitting information related to said operation characteristics of said client to components of a network to which said client is adapted to be communicatively coupled.